

DUTCH MINISTER MAKES PROTEST

To Secretary Bryan against the Embargo of Commerce of Neutrals with Germany.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—Chezaller Ban Rappard, minister from the Netherlands, communicated informally to Secretary Bryan today an outline of a note sent by the Netherlands government to Great Britain and France protesting against the embargo on commerce of neutrals with Germany which has no precedent in history.

The Netherlands note, it is understood, was a protest against the principles adopted by Great Britain and France in attempting to secure the object of a blockade by detaining all commerce directly or indirectly with Germany irrespective of whether contraband or non-contraband. The note also asks for further information as to how the British order in council is to be enforced. The Dutch government had made an inquiry before the order was issued just as the United States had done and received an explanation on which it is understood further and more explicit information is desired.

The Dutch minister has been discussing the question informally with the United States during the last week. The representations just made are on behalf of the Netherlands government alone. Inquiries as to the kind of communications to be sent by the United States in the same connection brought the response from Secretary Bryan today that the question had not been finally decided.

SOME ALLIED SHIPS

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a force are closely guarded but it is known that an army of considerable size is ready to attack the Turkish forces along the Dardanelles, when the admirals advise that the moment has arrived.

Although fighting of more or less intensity is always in progress along the eastern and western fronts there have been no very important operations during the last few days. The Germans claim:

Small Successes
Against the British near St. Eloi and against the French at Notre de Lorette, north of Arras, and to have repulsed several French attacks in Champagne, the Argonne forest and the Vosges. But the French communication issued in the day says that nothing of sufficient importance to report has happened.

In North Poland there have been several affairs of the outposts but neither army apparently is attempting any large operations while the ground remains soft unless the Russian movement turns out to be more important than it at present appears to be, merely a cavalry raid.

The Austrians, it is said, have been reinforced in Bukovina, and they report that they have repulsed Russian attacks there and in the Carpathians although in the latter region it has been generally understood that it was the Austrians and Germans who were acting on the defensive.

Neutral Steamers Seized.
Neutral steamers in European waters are having rather an uncomfortable time. The British have seized or are holding several, including the Maracas, which are suspected of having been used for carrying arms. A German aviator passed over Deal today but was driven off after dropping bombs which fell into the sea, perilously close to the American bark, Manga Reva.

Holland has formally protested to Great Britain and France against the order prohibiting the movement of goods to and from German ports. A German aviator passed over Deal today but was driven off after dropping bombs which fell into the sea, perilously close to the American bark, Manga Reva.

GERMAN FORCES FORCED BEYOND THE FRONTIER

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PETROGRAD, Mar. 20.—The following official statement from general headquarters was issued tonight: On the right bank of the Nemen the Germans after an engagement at Tauragien have been forced beyond the frontier.

Russians Capture Town.
"Another Russian detachment displaying an impetuous offensive reached Memel at 8 o'clock Thursday evening and after street fighting, in which the inhabitants took part, captured the town."

"On the left bank of the Nemen the enemy, as a result of the battle of the last few days, have been compelled to evacuate the townships of Bilvitzki and the region east of the Ozer-Dusia-Kopelowo line. On the right bank of the Nemen the engagement still bears the character of partial attacks by the Germans. In the neighborhood of Mysznice, in the direction of Kadzido, an engagement resulted in the complete defeat of the Germans. The latter attacked in close order and sustained enormous losses."

Scarcely Defeat Inflicted.
"In the Carpathians, according to supplementary reports, our counter attacks on Thursday in the region of Cielkowice inflicted a serious defeat on the Thirty-Ninth Honzed division. In the region south of Corlize our troops delivered a counter attack on the Austrian forces, which were operating very energetically. We made over 800 prisoners. Near Molodowsko we captured a fortified height from the enemy. His attempt to recapture this position, as well as his repeated counter attacks in the region of Ozank, were unsuccessful."

At Przemyśl the enemy opened fire on our position on Thursday morning and continued all day and the following night wasting an unprecedented amount of ammunition. At 5 o'clock yesterday morning the garrison made a determined counter-attack. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the enemy, without having succeeded in reaching our trenches, had suffered enormous losses by our fire and was forced back on his own line of forts.

"Up to the present we have captured 3,000 prisoners including seventy-eight officers belonging to the Twenty-Third Honzed division which formed the nucleus of the garrison together with seven machine guns."

GERMAN NIGHT ATTACK IS REPULSED BY FRENCH

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PARIS, via London, Mar. 20.—The following official statement was issued by the war office last night: "At La Boisselle, northeast of Albert, the Germans after a violent bombardment, attempted a night attack, which was repulsed. They suffered appreciable losses."

"In Champagne during the course of Friday the enemy made a counter attack on the west of Perthes, which was repulsed."

"There have been no infantry attacks today. Our artillery fired upon a concentration of German infantry which suffered heavily."

Violent Bombardment.
"In the Argonne, near Bolante, there has been a somewhat violent bombardment without, however, an infantry attack. Our progress has continued at Les Eparges. After repulsing two counter attacks of the enemy we carried the greater part of a German position around which a struggle has been going on for two days. Three times the enemy delivered counter attacks without gaining ground, leaving many dead on the field. We also took some prisoners."

"In the Woivre region in the Mort-marc wood our artillery destroyed a blockhouse and blew up several ammunition wagons with stores. In the forest of LaPetre we have made some progress."

REPRISAL ATTITUDE OF RUSSIA IS ANNOUNCED

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PETROGRAD, via London, March 20.—The following Russian official statement was issued here tonight:

"A German communication issued March 19, concerning the advance of the Russian troops on Memel, Prussia, and threatening reprisals against Russian towns and villages for any losses sustained by the Memel population. The Russian general staff hereby announces that Memel was openly defended by an armed enemy force. The battle took place in the streets."

"The civilian population, having taken part in this battle, our troops were compelled to take corresponding action. Therefore should the German troops carry out the threat against the civilian population of Russia, these acts of the German troops must be regarded not as repression but as independent acts and the moral responsibility for the consequences must rest on the Germans."

EMPEROR AND BEY HOLD A CONFERENCE

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) LONDON, Mar. 20.—11:35 p. m.—An Amsterdam despatch says: "The emperor received David Bey, the Turkish minister of finance, at Berlin yesterday when the Dardanelles situation was discussed."

"In an interview which appeared in the Berlin papers, David Bey intimated that the emperor was much concerned about the possible fate of Constantinople not only because of the enormous political consequences, which would result but also on account of the prosperity which the forcing of the Dardanelles would bring to Odessa. The emperor is quoted as saying: 'We can not allow Odessa to become another Hamburg.'"

BULGARIANS ARE KILLED AND GREEKS WOUNDED

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) LONDON, Mar. 21.—1:15 a. m.—Three Bulgarians have been killed and several Greeks wounded in a fight which followed an attempted incursion by a strong Bulgarian band in the region of Demir-Hissar, according to an Athens despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company.

Demir-Hissar is in the village of Salonika, formerly Turkish territory but now Greek territory as a result of the Balkan war.

BRISK ARTILLERY DUELS IN CARPATHIAN PASSES

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) VIENNA, via London, 10:20 p. m., Mar. 20.—The following official statement was issued tonight:

"Along the Carpathian front there have been no important developments but at some points a brisk artillery duel was engaged in. To the northwest of Nadworna, southwest Galicia, a night attack by several Russian battalions was repulsed."

"Comparative quiet has prevailed in other sections of the battlefield in this part of Galicia."

"Przemysl garrison made a sortie yesterday in an easterly direction, encountered strong forces of the enemy which after several hours fighting were repulsed."

MANY SHOTS ARE FIRED BY THE ALLIED FLEET

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) BERLIN, by wireless, to Sayville, Mar. 20.—The Overseas News Agency today gave out the following:

"Reports from Constantinople says that up to the present time the allied fleet, which is bombarding the Dardanelles, has fired more than 100,000 shots. The Turkish loss of life has been small. Many of the guns of the enemy already are worn out."

"The American ambassador at Constantinople, Henry Morgenthau, with a number of other prominent persons inspected the forts and guns during his trip to the Dardanelles and found that they were absolutely intact."

MANY GERMAN TROOPS CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PETROGRAD, Mar. 20, via London, Mar. 21.—4:42 a. m.—The Russian

While the Band Played

While Gregory's Band played "Tipperary" in front of the court house Thursday night, the Public Market House Company completed the building of a beautiful arch of fruits at the corner of Main and Court (better known as "Market") streets. This was viewed by thousands of people Friday and Saturday.

This arch was designed by Mr. Joseph Becker and was built by him and his army of assistants.

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VOTES TWENTY-TWO TIMES IN SINGLE DAY

EARLY ENTRY

For Republican Congress Nomination is Made by J. Mentor Caldwell.

PARKERSBURG, Mar. 20.—An announcement has been made that J. Mentor Caldwell, of the city, will enter the race for Republican congressional nomination in the new Fourth district, and it has been received with favor everywhere.

That Mr. Caldwell is eminently well fitted to represent the district is conceded by all who know him and that includes pretty nearly every body in the district. He has not only the qualities that are ordinarily looked for in a suitable aspirant for such a position, but many that are particularly his own and that uniquely qualify him for the place. His wide acquaintance, his powers as a stump speaker and his solid mental attributes are all in his favor and he is sure to be a leading figure in the 1916 contest.

RICHMOND COURT

May Hold Two Terms of Court a Year in the City of Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, Mar. 20.—The holding of two terms here yearly of the United States circuit court of appeals for the Fourth circuit, which now meets at Richmond, is a possibility. Government officials are making the move in that direction and the enactment of a federal statute specifying Parkersburg as one of the places for holding regular terms, is contemplated. The solicitor general of the United States, John W. Davis is behind the project. It is said: "If the court were to sit here as proposed, it would bring twenty-five court attaches here, with their families, for permanent residence. A new federal building would result, also, at a cost of \$250,000 to \$500,000."

EVACUATION CALL

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) BERLIN, by wireless, Mar. 20.—The Persian government has called upon Russia to evacuate the province of Azerbaijan, northwest Persia, says an item given out by the Overseas News Agency here tonight.

official statement says: "According to further details of the sortie by the Przemysl garrison on March 19, which was made by the entire Twenty-Third Honzed division, we captured 107 officers, including a regimental commander and 3,954 men and sixteen machine guns. Prisoners captured were unanimous in saying that the losses of the division in killed and wounded were

building fence between Sam Flanigan and Blain Webb's farms.

Arden Hall, of Sardis, was here Friday on business.

Ardes Strother and Blake Hannah were at the entertainment at the Marshville school Friday night.

Carl Newlos, Marshal Sandy, Earl Henderson, Pearl Newlos and Lucy Sandy were at the Smith Run school Tuesday night.

Miss Lucy Sandy returned to her home at Marshville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hooper visited their daughter, Mrs. Alva Robey, of Flag Run, Thursday and Friday.

The Carder, Sheets and Jarvis Company made a new location on R. T. Cunningham Thursday.

P. O. Smith, Adeline Lane, George Lane and L. C. Lane were at Marshville Friday night.

Earl Bramer visited his brother, H. L. Bramer Friday evening.

Earl Herdman and Guy Cumbridge were at Olive recently.

Mrs. R. A. Cunningham and Pearl Newlos were calling on Mrs. O. C. business Thursday.

Archie Burick returned to his home at Salem Friday.

Claude Smith, who was hurt Tuesday, is slowly improving.

Glen Hooper has returned home after a two weeks' stay with his sister, Mrs. Hannah, of Sardis.

Olle Mitchell and Robert Cunningham were Clarksburg visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Dennison, of Big Rock Camp, was an Olive visitor Thursday.

Harlin Bramer was at Brown on business Thursday.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

PARKERSBURG, Mar. 20.—Mrs. Clifford Weed, of Clarksburg, who was taken ill with a severe attack of la grippe while a guest at the home of Miss Dora Hiehe, has been removed to St. Joseph's hospital for treatment.

The specific gravity of cork is 24 and that of ebony 133.

PERSONALS

Waitman Russell is here from Fairmont.

Truman Willis, of Morgantown, is a visitor in the city.

A. F. Millan, of Mannington, is transacting business here.

J. H. Irving, of Victoria, is here on a brief business visit.

A. T. Ward, of Peel Tree, is making an over Sunday visit in the city.

C. N. Orr, of Kingwood, is a guest at the Waldo.

E. E. Spitzer, of Weston, is a business visitor in the city.

L. G. Jones, of Weston, is a city visitor.

The Rev. John S. Stump, of Parkersburg, prominent Baptist divine, was here Saturday evening on the way to Mannington to preach today.

Allen D. Fitzhugh, of Bridgeport, visited the city Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ann Dolan is spending today at her home in Wolf Summit.

Mrs. Wade Duffy, of Sistersville, is visiting Mrs. Harry Hallendyke.

Mrs. Edward Sanders, of Marietta, is a guest of Miss Genevieve McDonnell.

Stanley Young, of Salem, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Ernest Fortney, of Martis Brothers' store, is spending Sunday at Terra Alta.

Mrs. Wade Duffy, of Sistersville, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Harry Holendyke.

Mrs. Edward Sanders, of Marietta, O., is a guest of Miss Genevieve McDonnell.

Charles Spangler accompanied Harry Hawkins to Baltimore Friday night where the latter will enter Johns Hopkins hospital for an examination pending an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. N. B. Cox and daughter, Pauline, of Shinnston, were shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. E. G. Martin and daughter, Nina, of Shinnston, were visiting in the city Saturday.

New Spring Suits \$10 and \$15 Worth \$5 More

NUSBAUM'S \$10 and \$15 SUIT STORE 306 W. Main Street

EXCEPTIONS

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The final arguments in the case will be made April 17, and a decision of the final case may be had before the adjournment of the court for the summer in June.

BIG TUMULT

(Continued from page 1, first section.) protested against the remarks made by Deputy Ledebour.

Phillip Scheidemann, a Socialist deputy, declared in the name of his party that "Herr Ledebour was invited to speak only on the language of the question; his other remarks were made on his own account and he alone bears the responsibility for them."

Minister of the Interior Deibueck asserted that he would not be worthy in the present situation if he replied to Herr Ledebour's speech.

"For every one present today" declared the minister, "this hour will be a mark for his bitterest memory. Ledebour's criticism is unconstitutional and is directed against the most honored army leaders."

"We have taught us that we are materially and morally richer than we believed and that the German fatherland is a holy treasure for every German without consideration of religion or party. Matters which divided us in times of peace now have been set aside in this imperishable success, which offers a new view to the enemy of the economic and moral responsibility of the German people."

The estimate of the ministry of interior, colony and navy were agreed to. Adjournment was taken to May 18.

HEMP GROWERS

(Continued from page 1, first section.) place there on March 17 in which the Garrazistas were badly defeated, losing many horses and a large part of their equipment. They are reported to have been full retreat toward the Burrough mountain. Piedras Negras is quiet but without communication with the South. No recent news has been received at Piedras Negras from Sabinas.

A statement issued tonight by the convention agency here reported the capture of Camarco, a border city between Nuevo Laredo and Matamoros with slight resistance adding that the defeated Carranza troops continued their flight toward Matamoros with convention troops in hot pursuit.

YOUTHFUL HOBO

Caught in the City of Parkersburg is Brought Back to His Home Here.

Prince Bartlett, the eleven year old boy who was arrested while attempting to beat his way on a passenger train to Parkersburg, Wednesday night, has been brought home by his stepfather, as he and the mother of the boy were unaware of his whereabouts until they received the letter sent to the mother by Justice Boreman, of Parkersburg. Young Bartlett left his home last Monday and it was supposed he had gone with a show. He went to Gratton, to the home of a relative, it was learned, but left there the next morning stating that he was going back to Clarksburg. That was the last that had been heard from him and the mother was distracted over his absence. They were greatly relieved when they received the letter from Justice Boreman and learned that the boy was safe.

COMMISSION

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A North Texas land owner, said for several years he had had a standing offer to become security for any of his tenants who will save \$1,000 and buy a farm backing the tenant until the farm is paid for.

"I never got one man to accept the offer," he said. "Many have made the \$1,000 but they would blow it in. The great lack by tenants in this country is lack of economic sense. I have seen them ploughing wearing patent leather shoes and red socks."



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